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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2007 setting a shortened statutory period for response expiring July 6, 2007.

Applicants hereby elect Sub-Species 6 shown in Figs. 14-15 for further prosecution in the above-captioned application.

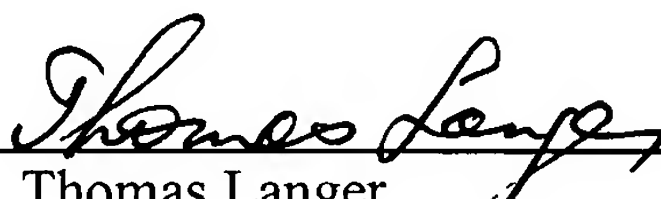
Claims 1, 14, 102-106, 111, 112, 114-118 and 123 are readable on the Sub-Species.

Claims 1 and 112 are generic claims

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

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